

FISCAL NOTE

HB 138 - SB 275

February 13, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes requirements for a public or private entity to house out-of-state prisoners in a jail, prison or correctional facility in Tennessee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Exceeds \$100,000 / Permissive

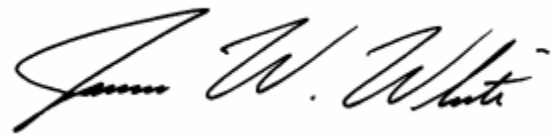
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000 / Permissive

Assumptions:

- The Department of Correction (DOC) estimates the increase in state expenditures for collection of the appropriate paperwork from the private contractors would be not significant.
- Contractor is responsible for submitting specific information to DOC, including but not limited to, capacity of facility, prisoner classification, and escape or major incident notification procedures. Must also submit evidence of American Correctional Association (ACA) accreditation.
- Based on current state reimbursement to local jails for housing state felons at \$35/day, the cost of housing 100 out-of-state inmates for 90 days each would be \$315,000. There are no available data on the number of out-of-state inmates who would be housed in Tennessee. Estimate assumes that counties electing to house out-of-state prisoners would charge an amount appropriate to cover their costs.
- According to the information received from the Comptroller of the Treasury, no additional resources will be required to audit a private contractor for compliance with ACA accreditation and sufficient insurance bond requirements, or to report its findings to DOC and the Select Oversight Committee on Corrections annually.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director